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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Tinoc road in Ifugao is now highest point in PH Highway System

BAGUIO CITY -- Halsema Highway is no longer the "highest point" of the Philippine Highway System. It is now the Kiangnan-Tinoc-Buguias Road in the municipality of Tinoc, Ifugao.

"Please be informed that based on the evaluation conducted, the highest point along the Kiangnan-Tinoc-Buguias Road has an elevation of 7,968.07 feet above sea level (2,428.66 m) which is 568.07 feet (173.14 m) higher than the declared highest point at Cattubo, Atok, Benguet, with an elevation of 7,400 feet above sea level," Department of Public Works and Highways Central Office memo stated.

Representatives from the DPWH Central Office Planning Service together with the DPWH-CAR Regional Office and the Ifugao 1st District Office conducted a validation and assessment in January 2019 following the request of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tinoc for the identification of the new highest elevation of the Philippine Highway System located in Mount Gui'ngaw, Barangay Eheb in Tinoc town.

The highest Point in Atok, Benguet was established since the construction of the national road after the second World War. The Kiangnan-Tinoc-Buguias Road was only converted into a national road by virtue of Republic Act No. 10551 in May **Cont. on page 3**



Santo Tomas fire - A grassland and forested portion of the Mount Santo Tomas in Tuba, Benguet was again on fire on Friday last week. DENR Regional Director Ralph Pablo called on the public to stop burning the grasslands and forest lands for farming purposes since it poses threat to the environment with the massive forest fires experienced in the Cordillera Region./RMC PIA-CAR

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Manila. Datayo ngamin nga taga Cordillera,
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tayo nga agurnong ti tudo. The rest of the
country should learn from us!



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BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

City studying proposed sites for night market

BAGUIO CITY – The local governments remains aggressive in identifying the feasible site where the operation of the night market could be transferred to ensure the continuous operation of the nightly business activity once the national government will direct the non-use of Harrison road for the said purpose.

Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr., chairman of the City Council Committee on market, Trade, Commerce and Agriculture, pointed out that Harrison road is under the jurisdiction of the public works department being one of the national roads in the city that is why it is not under the jurisdiction of the local government, thus, the operation of the night market along a portion of the road is actually temporary in nature.

"We are not against the operation of the night market but we want stakeholders to be actively involved in the identification of a permanent site where the operation of the night market could

be transferred because we do not actually have the full control on the use of Harrison road wherein the public works department could order the removal of the night market activity in the area that is why the local government must be ready at all times for such purpose," Councilor Yangot stressed.

The alderman pointed out the night market is providing sustainable livelihood to over 1,6 individuals and their families that is why the local government cannot afford to sacrifice the operation of the night market because it might result to more problems to the city instead of solutions, thus, the need for the involvement of the public in identifying the potential relocation site of the night market operations so that it will not be unduly interrupted.

According to hi, what is important is for stakeholders to be open-minded on the matter because the local government values the significant contribution of the night market in generating added resources aside from

serving as an added tourist attraction in the central business district area, especially at night.

The operation of the night market started in 26 with the issuance of Administrative Order No. 23, series of 206 which was signed by Yangot when he was then the Acting city mayor.

Initially, the site of the night market was at the Baguio Athletic Bowl before it was transferred to Harrison road where it continued its operation to date thereby providing sustainable sources of livelihood to ambulant vendors who were displaced by the local government's aggressive campaign to clear the sidewalks of the city from the proliferation of sidewalk upon the recommendations of the Baguio-Boracay Re-development Task Force which earlier found out that one of the problems of the city was the presence of ambulant vendors along major roads and even inside the public market.

Yangot expressed his gratitude to the stakeholders who were able to understand the purpose of his proposal to identify

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City starting no touch ground policy in waste disposal site

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan disclosed that the multi-million upgrading of the local government's temporary waste transfer station is nearing its completion and that the no touch ground of the residual waste being hauled out of the city is currently being sparingly practiced prior to its full implementation anytime.

The local chief executive claimed that most of the works funded under the

P11.5 million earmarked to improve the temporary waste transfer station had been completed but what is now being proposed is the increase in the height of the fence to prevent the waste from spilling over to some portions of the 5,000-square meter earmarked for the purpose.

"We are now currently practicing the no touch ground policy in our temporary waste transfer station after the completion

of the chute that was programmed purposely to avoid the residual waste from being brought to the ground before being loaded to the trucks of the hauler," Domogan stressed.

He revealed that now that the chute is fully operational, complaints on the obnoxious odor emanating from the temporary waste transfer station had drastically decreased considering that there is only a limited volume that is left on the ground but it is immediately removed by those personnel of the City General Services Office assigned to oversee the operation of the facility.

According to him, the local government is grateful to the residents living around the waste transfer station for their continuous understanding and patience in awaiting for the city's compliance to the implementation of mitigating measures that will effectively and efficiently address the foul odor emanating from the facility due to the water that



NEW PROCOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S CALL - Mayor Mauricio Domogan warmly welcomes newly designated Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PRO-COR) regional director PCSupt Israel Ephraim Dickson during a brief courtesy call by the latter at the Mayor's Office last March 18./By Bong Cayabyab

Kennon Road reopens this weekend

BAGUIO CITY – Kennon Road will be opened again from 6pm of Friday, March 22 up to 6am of Monday, March 25, following the success of simulation of two-way traffic scheme done last weekend.

The Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CRDRRMC) opened Kennon Road from 6pm of March 15 to 6am of

is being left on the ground.

Earlier, the local government commissioned the services of a representative from the Tuba municipal government who will take part in the monitoring of the operation of the temporary waste transfer station so that it will be pursuant to the rules and regulations provided by the Cordillera office of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB-CAR) on the operation of said facilities.

With the existence of the chute, the city's garbage trucks dump the collected residual waste to the mouth of the concrete structure and the same will directly flow to the hauler's trucks waiting below the chute, thus, no garbage will be allowed to touch ground.

Earlier, Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol approved the urgent request of Mayor Domogan to use a 5,000-square meter portion of the Baguio Dairy Farm as the city's temporary waste transfer

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March 18 to two-way traffic simulation to find out the viability of permanently opening it every weekend even as road repair and slope protection projects are ongoing along the road line.

Based on the monitoring report of Department of Public Works and Highway's Benguet 1st District Engineering Office, there were 7,269 vehicles that went up and 6,302 went down Kennon Road during the period.

No rock slide and only one minor road accident due to human error was reported during the period

In consultation with Task Group Kennon Road, CRDRRMC Chairperson and Office of Civil Defense Regional Director Albert Mogol

approved the re-opening of Kennon this weekend

under the same scheme: "Open for two-way traffic and for light vehicles only (5 tons and below) from 6pm of Friday, March 22 up to 6am of Monday, March 25."

Mogol asked the Task Force Kennon to continue the monitoring and assessment on the safety of motorists and the workers along Kennon Road, towards the goal of opening Kennon Road on a weekend basis, and possibly also during the Holy Week when many tourists are expected to come up to Baguio.

For the motoring public, Mogol reiterated the CRDRRMC advice of always prioritizing precaution and road safety. Though dryer season is in effect due to El Niño, there

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Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable ENGR. ROBERT ALLAN SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 13th day of March 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Cordillera crimes drop by 11.25 percent

BONTOC, Mountain Province – The crime volume in the region for the first two months of the year dropped by 11.25 percent or 1,072 crimes compared to the 1,208 crimes that was recorded by the Philippine National Police (PNP) during the same period last year.

Superintendent Glen Lonogan, chief of the regional operations and plans division of the Police Regional Office (PRO) in the Cordillera, reported during the first quarter joint meeting of the Regional Development Council (RDC) and Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) in the Cordillera chaired by Baguio city Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan that index crimes for the current period increased by 4.36 percent or 215 crimes compared to the 206 crimes that were recorded during the same period last year.

However, he added that non-index crimes decreased by 14.47 percent during the current period or from 857 crimes compared to the 1,002 crimes that were reported during the same period last year.

Of the local governments comprising the Cordillera, Ifugao registered the highest decrease in crime volume at 33 percent or 37 crimes for the first 2

months of the year from 55 crimes recorded during the same period last year followed by Abra with 22 percent or 79 crimes from 101 crimes, Baguio City – 21 percent or 457 crimes from 576 crimes, Kalinga – 19 percent or 63 crimes from 80 crimes, and Apayao – 11 percent or 17 crimes from 19 crimes.

On the other hand, Mountain Province recorded a 13 percent increase in crime volume for the first 2 months of this year from the previous 31 crimes to 35 crimes followed by Benguet which registered a 10 percent increase from 346 crimes to 382 crimes.

Lonogan added that the region's crime clearance efficiency dropped by 1.07 percent for the first 2 months of this or 78.94 percent from the previous 80.01 during the same period last year.

Moreover, he claimed that the region's crime solution efficiency also dropped by a negligible 0.51 percent or from 71.93 during the first 2 months of last year compared to the 71.42 during the same period this year.

Of the mapped index crimes, Benguet accounted for the highest number of index crimes with 95 followed by Baguio city

with 70, Abra – 23, Ifugao and Kalinga with 15 each,

Mountain Province – 9 and Apayao – 6.

The police officials said police operatives in the region were involved in 88 operations against lose firearms that resulted to the arrest of 27 persons and the confiscation of 27 firearms wherein 24 cases were filed against the arrested individuals.

On the campaign against illegal gambling, Lonogan claimed there were 8 operations that were conducted wherein 22 persons were arrested and the seizure of some P29,841.22 and the filing of 6 cases against those involved in the said illegal gambling operations.

He revealed there were 45 police operations against illegal drugs wherein 40 persons were arrested and the seizure of 80.89 grams of shabu as well as the uprooting of 143,434 marijuana plants and the confiscation of 83.97 kilos dried marijuana leaves worth over P39.2 million that resulted to the filing of 25 cases with 32 surrendered drug personalities regionwide. */Dexter A. See*



BAUKO VEGGIE FARM - Many farms in the lowlands and even in some parts of the Cordillera are experiencing drought due to the effect of El Nino but most farms in Bauko are still surviving with the abundant supply of water from the forested areas of the municipality. Here, a farmer waters her vegetable plants along Bauko, Mountain Province. */RMC PIA-CAR*

MGB gives updates on 'Minahang Bayan' applications in CAR

BAGUIO CITY -- The Loacan Itogon Pocket Miners Association (LIPMA) in Ampucao, Itogon has already been cleared and it is set to be declared by Mines and Geosciences Bureau of the Department of Envi-

ronment and Natural Resources(MGB-DENR) as the first Minahang Bayan in the Cordillera region after successfully going through the rigorous process of application.

Engr. Alfredo Genetiano of MGB Cordillera said the National Commission on Indigenous (NCIP) has given the Certificate of None Overlap, aside from the signed clearance by DENR Undersecretary Rodolfo Garcia. These are requirement provided in Republic Act 7076 or the People's Small-Scale Mining Act of 1991, also known as the Minahang Bayan Law.

During the recent meeting of the Regional Development Council Sectoral Committee on Watershed and Environmental Management, Genetiano reported that as of February 28, 2019 there were 54 applications for the Minahang Bayan (MB) in the region.

Benguet has the highest with 18, Apayao with 14, Abra has seven, six in Baguio City, five in Mountain Province, and two each in Ifugao and Kalinga.

Genetiano said 18 MB applications were endorsed by the regional office to the central office for the initial review of their documentary requirements and

laws, rules and regulations. There were five applications endorsed to the MGB-Central Office for endorsement to the Office of the Secretary for clearance.

So far, he said there are already three recipients of a cleared area - one in Apayao province, one in Benguet (Gambang, Bakun) and one in Mountain Province.

He also reported that the six applications from Baguio City were returned by MGB – CO for reasons that the area applied for MB falls within a tourism destination area, watershed area so it is closed for mining application.

Genetiano clarified that the areas with clearances are subject to the proof of compliance to NCIP requirement prior to the declaration of the area into a MB by the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board.

Earlier, the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the region approved a resolution earnestly requesting Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu to facilitate the simplification of the requirements and approval process including the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate for the declaration of MB in the region.

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Tinoc road in Ifugao is...

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2013.

Tinoc town with a total land area of 14,948.17 hectares is situated on the eastern part of Mount Pulag, the second highest mountain in the Philippines, on top of the sleeping beauty mountain range. It has an elevation about 2,700 meters above sea level.

The DPWH Central office has recommended to the DPWH-CAR to update the location and measurement of the highest point elevation of the Philippine Highway System. The Ifugao 1st District Engineering Office is also directed to install a concrete marker specifying the elevation and location of the new highest point.

Ifugao Governor Pedro Mayam-o said this information that the highest point in the country's road system is now located in his province is a welcome development. Aside from being historic, it will also boost tourism.

Among the tourist attractions in Tinoc include vast vegetable gardens, the Tukuhan Sulfur Hot Spring, the Mount Pulag National Park and the hospitable Kalanguya people of Tinoc.

He is optimistic that like the former highest point along Halsema Highway which had become one of the visited sites along Halsema, and opened up economic activities in the area, the new highest would also open up additional livelihood for residents in the area. */JDP/RMC-PIA CAR*

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is also the threat or hazards that occasional rains (due to local thunder storms) may bring, thus the importance of ensuring safety and preparedness, he added.

The local government of Tuba Benguet, the DPWH Benguet 1st DEO and Cordillera Regional Office, as well as the Tuba and Baguio police and expressed support to the weekend opening of Kennon Road. */JDP/CCD-PIA CAR*

City starting no touch...

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station after a La Trinidad-based court ordered the closure of the private hauler's established waste transfer station in Longlong over a year ago.

However, the DA chief increased the land area that was ceded by the department to the local government to over 8.15 hectares, including the area occupied by the temporary waste transfer station, to be used for whatever expansion projects desired by the local government to help in decongesting the central business district among other suitable purposes.

The ceding of the portion of the Baguio Dairy Farm to the local government is covered under a deed of usufruct signed between both parties and having a duration of 25 years subject to renewal upon the mutual understanding of the involved parties. */Dexter A. See*

City studying proposed...

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possible sites where to relocate the regular night market operation considering the possible repercussions of the decision of the public works department to order the non-use of Harrison road for the said business activity.

He claimed that the night market is one of the local government's income generating resources with the least investment in terms of the use of public funds to improve the area where the nightly activity is being done. */Dexter A. See*

Dear Undecided Voter

By Joselito delos Reyes (www.rappler.com)

Dear Undecided Voter,
Hi.

Salamat, ha? Sa kabila ng lahat ng ingay ng mga isyung politikal at ng halalan, na minsan wala nang kinalaman sa kapakanan mo, at ang mala-karnabal na kampanyahan, nariyan pa rin kayo. Hindi nagpapatinag sa gimik at panghahalina. Undecided pa rin.

Gusto ko lang sabihing hindi madali ang maging undecided sa panahong ito. Tiyak may telebisyon kayo, o radyo. O naglalakad-lakad sa labas ng bahay, nakakakita ng masakit-sa-matang tarpaulin na may retokadong pagmumukha ng kandidato at iba pang nangagsabit at nangagharang, o minsan ay kamisetang suot na campaign material.

Tiyak na napapanood ninyo ang palatastas para iboto si ganoon at ganitong kandidato sa pagkasenador. Silang nagpapagalingan ng hagod at paraan para maantig ang damdamin ng audience, para maniwala o maawa ka. Awa o paniniwala? Hindi na mahalaga; ang mas mahalaga sa kanila, iboto mo sila. Makakuha ng sapat na bilang ng boto para matawag na senador simula Hulyo.

May direktang kampanya, undecided voter, iyong malinaw na sinasabi na iboto ang kandidato. Kesyo itiman mo raw ang bilog katabi ng numerong ganoon at ganito pagsapit ng eleksiyon. Tapos sasabihin o lalabas sa screen ng telebisyon ang hungkag na slogan, tersera klaseng slogan, iyong paulit-ulit mo nang narinig mula pa noong panahon ni Kopong-kopong, lalo kung walang masyadong budget para sa isang matinong advertising

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Pero siyempre meron ding magagaling na patalastas, undecided voter. Appeal to emotion. Iyong akala mo sila talaga ang maghahango sa kinasadlakan nating lusak ng buhay. Malupit 'yan. Tinira ng propesyonal. Milyon-milyon ang ginastos para makabili ng oras sa paborito mong programa sa radyo o telebisyon.

Alam kong napapanood o naririnig mo ang mga patalastas na ito, undecided voter. Sino ba naman ang hindi? Alam kong naririnig mo ang mga kandidato sa kanilang mga rehearsed na linya na ilang beses kinahunan bago ipalabas ang pinakamagandang bersiyon nito. Heavily edited na bersiyon.

Pero meron ding nagpapanggap na patalastas, undecided voter. Mahirap mahalata kung hindi ka magsusuri nang husto. Advertorial ang tawag dito. Iyong akala mo interview ng kung sinong reporter o broadcaster sa kandidato, pero loaded ang sasabihin, scripted, magbubuhay ng sariling bangko. Pupurihin ang sarili kasabwat ang broadcaster o reporter. Implied. Hindi tahasan. Pero naroon, ramdam mo ang yabang.

Nagpupumilit maging laman ng balita. Nagbibigay ng opinyon sa bawat usapin. Iyang mga ganyang gimik ang humahatak para magdesisyon ang mga botante pabor sa kandidato. Parang, "Wow! Relevant pala si ganitong pulitiko?! Mukhang magaling. Maiboto nga." Kaya nababawasan paglipas ng araw ang undecided (3.7% na lang ngayon kumpara sa 5.6% noong huling Pulse Asia survey), dahil sa mga ganitong gimik. At makakaasa kang papalupit nang papalupit ang kampanya.

Marami pang ibang paraan ng kampanya. Meron tungkol sa debate o, gaya ng nangyari kamakailan, kawalan ng debate.

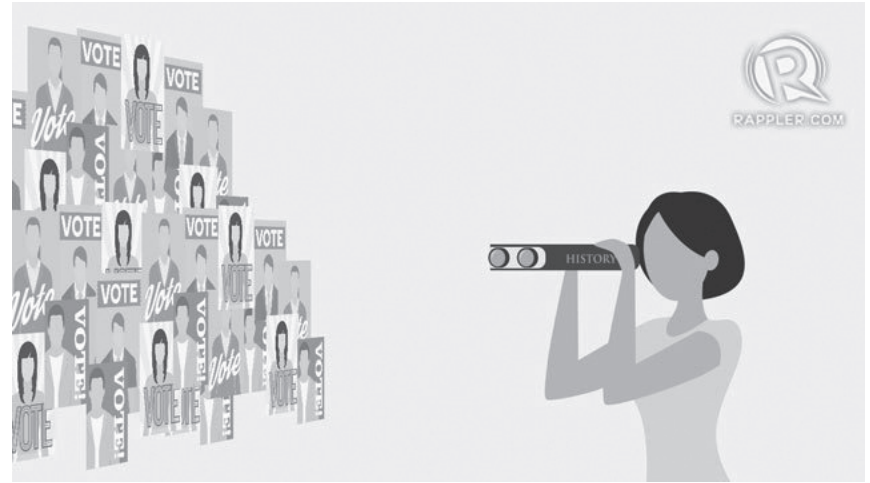
Pero hindi lang kampanya, undecided voter, hard sell man gaya ng pagbili ng airtime at espasyo sa pahayagan o soft sell gaya ng advertorial na interview o maging panauhin sa isang noontime show. Meron din siyempreng siraan.

Wasakan kung may natitira pang buo sa pagkatao. Kuyog mentality. Pagtutulungan hanggang hindi mo na iboto – isuko ang pagiging undecided! – hanggang mawala na sa gunam-gunam ng botante ang pangalan ng kandidato. Hanggang matabunan ng magical na prinsipyo ng mga trapo: ang name recall at "winnability" ng kandidato kahit pa walang kasilbi-silbi o magnakaw (muli?) kapag naging masibang senador.

"Winnable" kahit walang utak. May name recall kahit magnanakaw. Sadnu?

Bahagi ito ng dynamics ng mala-karnabal nating kampanyahan: sayawan, kantahan, away-away, siraan, pagsisinungaling na malapit na ring maging standard sa

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KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

*Filipinos a great race even before
foreigners came*

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple..." (Proverbs 19:7, the Holy Bible).

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WHO IS PEDRO BUCANEG? Who is Pedro Bucaneg? This was the question that hit my mind while I was looking for something to write about for this column on March 16, 2019. It was prompted by Twitter posts showing various Philippine national artists holding copies of the book written by another national artist, Mr. Virgilio Almario, and which book was launched in UP Diliman, Quezon City, also on March 16.

The book by National Artist Almario was entitled "Bakit Kailangan Natin si Pedro Bucaneg?" (or Why do we need Pedro Bucaneg?). And so that started me thinking about the question that greeted you at the start of this column today: Who is Pedro Bucaneg? Why would a giant in Philippine literature in the likes of Virgilio Almario write a book featuring the question "Why do we need Pedro Bucaneg?"

I haven't obtained a copy of that book yet, so I cannot give you Almario's answer. But I tried to do some looking into the Internet and I discovered that Bucaneg was a great poet in the Ilocano language (the language of people in the northern part of the Philippines) notwithstanding his blindness from birth. He authored one of only two great folk epic stories in the Philippines which got printed during the Spanish era in the country, the "Life Story of Lam-Ang".

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"WHY DO WE NEED PEDRO BUCANEG?" Why do we need Pedro Bucaneg? As I see it, Bucaneg played an extremely important role in the whole history of the Philippines, and not only in the history of Philippine literature and art. The life and literary creations of Bucaneg showed the high caliber status of Philippine culture and arts, most especially in relation to poems, songs, and written and oral stories, even before any foreign colonizer like the Spaniards ever set foot in the country.

Bucaneg's life story proves the richness and quality of Filipino culture, even before the Philippines got occupied by the Spaniards, the Americans, and the Japanese. Bucaneg's life was an eloquent and resounding affirmation of the innate intelligence of Filipino natives; that Filipinos became civilized and refined, not because of the influence of foreign masters, but by the talent and intellect that had been with them from the very first time they first set foot in these islands.

The long and short of all these should be this: Bucaneg is an attestation

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Kakampi mo ang batas**...from page 4**

that we, native Filipinos (even if we were not given this appellation yet), are already a civilized nation right at the moment when foreign invaders came with their malevolent designs to conquer us. Since we were undoubtedly civilized already at that time, it wouldn't really be fair and truthful to say we were "discovered" only when foreigners came to our shores.

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FILIPINOS HAD BEEN A GREAT RACE EVEN BEFORE FOREIGN INVADERS CAME:

Now, if we will look closely at the Bucaneg story "Life of Lam-ang", we will also not fail to understand that the Filipino race was, in reality, already possessed with a heart filled with love for our parents, and with vibrant courage and overflowing wisdom that enabled us to prevail even over stronger and more wily enemies, from the beginnings of our civilization.

The life story of Lam-ang, as Bucaneg created it, will also teach us that Filipinos, even before the Bible was officially introduced to them by their Spanish colonizers, already were vested with stories, fiction or otherwise, which paralleled stories from the Bible---such as the story about Moses who, in his very tender age, was put in a cradle by his own parents and allowed to float on a river until the Egyptian princess took him in as her own son.

winasak ng mga dayuhan.

From all these, it would be clear that present-day Filipinos need Bucaneg and his literary masterpieces (which he merely dictated to his scribes) so they can come to the realization of their true worth and nature as empowered citizens from the very beginning of our race; that Filipinos truly form a great race, whose greatness foreign invaders destroyed for their own selfish interests.

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kampanyahan at buhay.

Lahat ito ay mga salik kung bakit pumipili ang marami sa atin ng ibobotong kandidato kahit malayo pa ang eleksiyon. Kaya marahil may survey paminsan-minsan. Sinusukat ang pulso ng taumbayan kung kumakagat ang mga isyu at patalastas. Tinatanong, face-to-face, ang sampling na kumakatawan sa atin. Pawang nakakalat sa kapuluan at iba't ibang saray ng lipunan ang mga tinanong: "Kung ang nasabing eleksiyon sa 2019 ay isasagawa ngayon, sinu-sino sa mga sumusunod na personalidad ang inyong iboboto bilang SENADOR?"

Sa dami ba naman ng advertisement, o →

kapital na popularidad, may malaking tsansang ang isasagot ng na-survey ay iyong bantog at laging lantad ang pagmumukha sa telebisyon. Kontrobersiyal ba naman, o umubos ng milyong kayamanan (o bilyon pa marahil sa paglipas ng mga araw) para sa mga planadong patalastas at airtime at mga isyung eepalan, tingnan ko lang kung hindi nga manguna o umangat sa survey.

Kaya binabati ko ang mga wala pang ibobotong gaya mo, undecided voter. Pambihira kayo. Either napanood mo na ang mga gimik at kampanyang walang epekto sa iyo, o sadyang wala kang oras para sumagot sa mga tanong.

Sa resulta ng huling survey, nakapaloob kayo sa categoryang "Don't now," "Refused," "None." Oo nga't hindi eksaktong undecided, pero kung susuriin, parang ganoon na rin. Basahin: "Kung ang nasabing eleksiyon sa 2019 ay isasagawa ngayon, sinu-sino sa mga sumusunod na personalidad ang inyong iboboto bilang SENADOR?" Hindi mo alam, ayaw mong sumagot, o wala lang.

Sa totoo lang, hindi naman kailangang magmadaling mapunan ang listahan ng iboboto. Mahaba pa ang karnabal na ito. Marami pang pagkakataong makilala ang mga kandidato higit sa kanilang pinlanong campaign line, higit sa carefully crafted na script, lalong higit sa carefully and meticulously Photoshopped na kara.

Ang iba ay gusto lang manalo, hindi naman talaga gustong magserbisyo. Marami diyan ang napilitan lang dahil inutusan ng kung sinong pinangangamuhan; maraming itutuloy ang misyong lalong magkamal ng yaman. May iba diyan para tabunan ang kabuktutan. Lahat ng iyan ay ikinukubli ng mababangong kampanya.

Kaya binabati kita, undecided voter. Kung kinakailangang magdesisyon ka sa mismong pagharap mo sa balota sa Mayo 13, okay na okay lang. Ganoon talaga. Hindi mo niyakap ang palabas at karnabal na kung tawagin ay kampanya.

Pero sa ngayon, undecided voter, kailangan mong hikayatin pa ang iba. Sabihin mong huwag padalos-dalos sa pagsasabing tapos na ang listahan ng iboboto. Pagnilayan kamong mabuti. Suriing mabuti. Sagarin ang kampanyahan.

Dahil sa huli, ipaalala mo sa may desisyon na, na ang kampanya ay isang malaking palabas lamang para makuha ang inyong paniniwala o awa. Mas kilalanin kamo ang kandidato sa kanilang motibong hindi binabanggit sa campaign jingle, campaign poster, o patalastas. Pero makikita sa kanilang unrehearsed na kilos o unscripted na pananalita na malayong-malayo sa intensiyong maglingkod sa kapwa.

Muli, salamat at congrats.

Best,

Joselito "Undecided din" de Los Reyes
— Rappler.com

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DISPATCH FROM CRAME

**On ICC's continued jurisdiction
notwithstanding effectivity of
withdrawal**

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

Atty. Jude Sabio is absolutely correct. Rodrigo Roa Duterte is not yet off the hook.

Despite the effectivity of the withdrawal of the Philippines from the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on March 17, 2019, its obligation to cooperate with the ICC remains insofar as any proceeding commenced before the withdrawal is concerned. The effectivity of the withdrawal also does not prejudice the ICC's cognizance of the matter on the Philippine situation already under its consideration prior to withdrawal.

This is the clear provision of Art. 127.2 of the Rome Statute. This simply means that withdrawal is not an escape hatch for any public official of a State party who withdraws his country from the ICC, on the mistaken belief that this would shield him from prosecution under the Rome Statute.

Applied to Duterte and other administration officials and even civilian parties complicit in his EJK campaign, this means that the ICC continues to exercise jurisdiction over crimes against humanity they committed before March 17, 2019. This covers EJKs and murders carried out by PNP officials and vigilantes in the course of the Duterte administration's so-called war on drugs from June 30, 2016 to March 16, 2019.

Malacañang says that the Philippines was never bound to the Rome Statute because it was not published in the Official Gazette. It says that the ICC has never and can never acquire jurisdiction over the matter of EJKs perpetrated by the Duterte administration because the Philippines was never a state party to the Rome Statute of the ICC.

This is wishful thinking and warped reasoning. In the first place, only a country that admits to be a state party to the Rome Statute can withdraw under the procedure laid down in Art. 127 of said treaty. On March 17, 2018, the Philippines did withdraw as a state party using Art. 127 of the Rome Statute. If true to its conviction that the Philippines never became a state party to the Rome Statute, the Duterte administration should not have withdrawn, since there was nothing to withdraw. Yet, it did, thus recognizing the status of the Philippines as a state party to the Rome Statute since 2011.

Duterte has the illusion that by withdrawing the Philippines from the Rome Statute, he has already escaped ICC jurisdiction. He can keep that illusion. In the meantime, the ICC will continue its preliminary examination, regardless of Duterte's nervous protests and feigned confidence in his lawyers' legal opinion on the matter.

Habang patuloy ang pag-iilusyon ni Duterte na nakatakas na siya, patuloy din lang ang paggulong ng hustisya laban sa kanya.

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION with
Simultaneous Deed of Sale of Parcel of Land
with a Building**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late ELITO S. BERNARDO who died intestate on September 15, 2012 at Baguio City, without leaving any last will and testament and without any outstanding debts, leaving Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-4165 covered by Tax Declaration No. 2008-01-003-89534 and Tax Declaration No. 2008-01-003-89540, for the house and lot, respectively, has been subject of an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Simultaneous Deed of Sale of Parcel of Land with a Building as per Doc. No. 405; Page No.81; Book No. 06 Series of 2019 dated March 5, 2019 in Baguio City, of the Notarial Registry of ATTY. RENATO B. MANA-A.

Mar. 9, 16 and 23, 2018

Earth hour on March 30

BAGUIO CITY – The city celebrates earth hour with the global community on March 30 through an hour-long lights switch-off event, from 8:30 to 9:30 PM.

A parade precedes the lights-off, with city officials and employees marching from Luneta Hill down Session road up to City hall grounds where a program is prepared. Congressman Mark Go, Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Vice Mayor Edison Bilog give their Earth Hour messages with the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) leading the pledge of support. The city hall choir and dance groups render an hour-long entertainment after the lights switch-off, at the same venue.

Letters from League for one hour in every city

of Cities of the Philippines National President Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan and World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines, National Director and Climate Change and Energy Unit head Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay to Mayor Mauricio Domogan, urged the celebration to be done with efforts for sustainable natural resources.

Everybody should be united for a significant change in mindsets and habits, to help address and reverse nature loss, Pamintuan and Ibay said. With this are invitations to “continue to broaden public participation” in the activity and as partners, advocate the campaign to all member cities.

The putting out of lights

in 2007, the world's largest grassroots movement, has grown to 188 countries saving energy through said practice.

The earth hour executives requested public officials and local private establishment owners to turn off non-essential lights, signages, and select streetlights in key monuments and public spaces for one hour.

Proper management of garbage, and discouraging the use of plastics, during and after the event, is encouraged, Ibay and Pamintuan's letters stated.

The event could be documented by taking photos and uploading these on social media with the tag #EarthHourPH2019 and #Connect2Earth. Messages, video presentation, performances during the switch off, and earth hour pledges; against garbage, single-use plastics, and more sustainable alternatives, could also be done.

A pledge to go beyond the hour and publicly promote practices that office and individuals can make to support the environment through reduction, recycling and waste management, it was known.

Other information could be gathered →

DTI launches Kapetirya...

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Property Office (IPO).

Lopez said the DTI Kapetirya project is a very good and timely initiative that can help the whole chain of PH coffee industry given that the country is among the top consumers of coffee which makes it a potential market.

The project will also strengthen Public and Private partnership as the DTI plans the establishment of more Kapetirya in the country. The department will only carry the (coffee shop) brand ownership but business operation will be given to private operators through franchising, he added.

Lantayona outlined that the Kapetirya project is in line with the Philippine Coffee Industry Roadmap particularly in the marketing aspect that will work to improve market price and coffee standards that will primarily benefit coffee farmers.

The Philippine Coffee Industry Roadmap 2017 – 2022 is the master plan that aims to boost coffee production and help improve the life of coffee farmers in the country. Currently, there are 13 regions in the country that are into coffee farming. (JDP/CCD-PIA CAR)

Water problem in Baguio...

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district has still sufficient supply of potable water that could be distributed in the different barangays with consumers that are connected with the district but the same will be done on a scheduled basis so that consumers will be able to have their supply of water during the prescribed schedule of distribution to the households.

He commended the BWD for having worked out the implementation of priority development projects that have significantly reduced the pilferage in the distribution system that resulted to the significant reduction in the district's systems loss from 40 to only 20 percent although much work is still needed to continue reducing the systems loss so that more water will be distributed to the increasing number of consumers.

He admitted that one of the identified long-term solutions to the water shortage in the city is the implementation of the long overdue bulk water supply project that is geared towards ensuring the daily supply of water to the residents. /Dexter A. See

Stricter implementation of anti-smoke edict, sought

BAGUIO CITY – Several members of the city's smoke-free task force chaired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan had an informal coordination meeting recently with representatives of the Baguio City Police Office for the stricter implementation of the Smoke-Free Baguio Ordinance that was passed in 2017 with councilor Joel Alangsab as principal author.

Task force officer Dr. Donna Tubera-Panes said the short discussion also pushed for a stronger partnership between health workers, anti-smoking advocates and duly deputized enforcers of Ordinance No. 34, series

at <http://wwf.org.ph/what-we-do/climate/earth-hour/or> contact the social mobilization team at earthhour@wwf.org.ph.

The Earth hour 2019 campaign theme is, “Reduce, Reuse, Change the Way We Live.” -julieg-fianza

of 2017.

She is confident that with stricter enforcement, greater cooperation and better coordination among stakeholders in the public and private sectors, Baguio can someday become a truly “smoke-free city”.

The Smoke-Free Baguio ordinance prohibits the use, sale, distribution and advertisement of cigarettes/ e-cigarettes and other tobacco products in certain places, and imposes fines on violators ranging from P1,000 to P3,000 for those caught smoking or vaping and from P2,000 to P5,000 for establishments violating its provisions on sales/ access restriction, advertising and promotion.

Subsequent offenses are penalized with imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or both at the discretion of the court. Suspension

or revocation of business license or permit (in case of a business entity or establishment), if applicable.

Earlier, the smoke-free task force reported a total of 5,259 violators of the ordinance were apprehended last year with fines totaling P2,543,000. Less than half of those apprehended paid the fines, however, while the rest were made to do community service.

Alangsab is asking every sector to cooperate and work hand-in-hand with the city government in the ordinance's implementation since everybody deserves to breathe clean air. Assistant city health officer Celia Brillantes also warned about the numerous health risks and deaths caused by smoking that also affects non-smokers thru second and third-hand smoke. -gaby keith

MGB gives updates on...

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With the present procedure, small-scale miners find it difficult to comply with the requirements for the approval of MB.

MB applicants have to comply with requirement provided in the Minahang Bayan Law, which states, among others that small-scale mining operations must be done only within the declared area for such purpose.

This is apart from the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA Law), which states that Indigenous Cultural Communities or Indigenous Peoples have the right to Free and Prior Informed Consent prior to the conduct of any activity within their ancestral domain areas. (JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

CARLO CHANTIOCO
Applicant
CASE No. 2012-CAR-48
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Feb. 13, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on April 10, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable ENGR. ROBERT ALLAN SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 19th day of March 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

LIBERATO DOMINGO JR.
Applicant
CASE No. 2011-CAR-467
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on March 13, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ENGR. ROBERT ALLAN SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 20th day of March 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

RODEL AGASER
Applicant
CASE No. 2015-CAR-007
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Feb. 19, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TRANCIVILLE and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on April 10, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Water problem in Baguio not as bad as in Manila – Domogan

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan explained that the water problem being experienced by consumers in the city will not be as worst as the water shortage being encountered by people in some parts of Metro Manila considering that the Baguio Water District (BWD) was able to prepare to address such concern during the dry spell.

The local chief executive claimed that BWD was able to do its homework in trying to address the possible water problem in the city during the expected prevalence of the El Niño phenomenon until June.

He claimed that based on the presentations made by BWD officials during a recent coordination meeting with stakeholders, the water district is operating some 57 deep wells in the different parts

of the city to cater to the daily demand of potable water supply from the various barangays while 8 deep wells are on standby mode and to be used only when the need arises considering the expected surge in the demand for water during the dry months.

“We appeal to our constituents to practice water conservation measures to help the water district conserve the available supply of potable water considering the expected reduction in the available water supply during the dry season. The water district is doing its part in making sure that there will be a steady supply of water in the different barangays even in a rotation basis so that consumers will be able to be provided with the needed supply of water,” Domogan stressed.

However, he admitted that because of the

weakening pressure of water, some consumers in highly elevated areas in the city might be able to be provided with their regular supply of water that is why the best alternative that they could take is to coordinate with the BWD for them to be provided with water delivery that will cater to their demand for water during the scheduled water supply in their places.

According to him, it is important for consumers to provide for available containers in their residences so that they will be able to store enough water supply for their needs and the requirements of their visitors in time for the next schedule of water supply in their places considering the expected limited supply of water that will be distributed by the water district during the dry season.

Earlier, BWD officials claimed that the water

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DTI launches Kapetirya for Philippine coffee blends and brew

BAGUIO CITY --The Department of Trade and Industry opened here the first “Kapetirya”, a coffee shop that promotes Philippine specialty coffee varieties in various blends and brews, as well as other coffee products and native delicacies that goes along well with coffee.

DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez and Assistant

Secretary Blesila Lantayona graced the launching and memorandum of agreement signing of the first Kapetirya, Wednesday (March 20).

The country’s first “Kapetirya” located at the Cordillera Crafts and Productivity Center along Upper Session Road here, is a tripartite project of the DTI – Cordillera, the City Government of Baguio

along with the City Association of Barangay Councils and the interim operator, Ervine Pangwi, the CEO of Il Padrino Café and Restaurant.

The kapetirya aims to promote Philippine coffee, boost coffee production, help our farmers earn more and to provide entrepreneurial opportunity for our micro, small and medium enterprises.

A pet project of DTI – CAR Regional Director and National Coffee Industry

Cluster head Myrna Pablo, the Kapetirya started as regular feature on DTI – led trade fairs and expositions that offers free taste of Cordillera coffee blends and brews to the public. It has evolved into a government coffee shop brand that is registered with the Intellectual

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Kennon Road Stalls - Illegal vendors are back at the Lions Head along Kennon Road following the temporary opening of the historic road during the weekends with the recommendation and approval of the Kennon Road Task Force and the Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council./RMC PIA-CAR

Yangot pushes for free screen time in theaters

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance requiring all movie theaters to provide the local government free screen time before the start of the of every film showing for purposes of educating the viewers on reducing garbage, and for other public service information and announcements.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. stated that all cinema or cinematheque owners or operators within the city will be required to allot free screen time in their establishments before the start of every film for the local government to promote an intensive information, education and communication campaign on solid waste management reduction practices.

Yangot claimed the allocated free screen time shall not be more than 60 seconds so as not to burden the owners of the said establishments.

The ordinance tasked the City General Services Office in close coordination with the City Tourism Office and other relevant local government departments or offices to produce an audio-visual presentation with a maximum running time

of 60 seconds to be played prior to the showing of a film in all theaters and that the same shall be replaced regularly subject to the content that will be provided for the purpose.

The ordinance will authorize the City Mayor to enter into an agreement or contract containing reasonable terms and conditions with any cinema or cinematheque owner or operators to effectively accomplish the purpose of the proposed local legislative measure.

The ordinance explained that wilful failure of the cinema or cinematheque owner or operator to run the produced audio-visual presentation under the provisions of the measure shall be punished with a fine of P5,000 for each film showing day that the same was not shown.

The ordinance pointed out that the budget for the production of the audio-visual presentation shall be taken from the approved budget of the City General Services office and that the said department will be tasked primarily to implement the provisions of the measure.

Section 7, Article 3 of the 1987 Constitution stated that the right of the people to information on matters of public concern

is a revered right.

Further, Section 16 of Republic Act (RA) 7160 or the Local Government Code of the Philippines provided that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare.

Yangot emphasized that visual media, especially cinemas, have a uniquely pervasive presence and great influence in peoples’ lives, as it is generally popular for all regardless of age and social demographics.

In order to help advance the local government’s efforts to address the problem of solid waste disposal, he claimed that it is inevitably important to utilize effective communications media, such as screen time in cinemas and cinematheques.

While cinemas and cinematheques are recognized as private enterprises, Yangot asserted it is also recognized as well under the law that the use of property bears a social function, and the right to own, establish and operate economic enterprises is subject to the duty of the State./Dexter A. See

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